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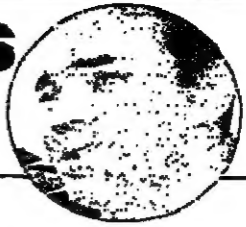
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# Police claim IRA bomb coup

## Power grid may have been target

John Mullin

**S**COTLAND Yard yesterday claimed its biggest ever success in preventing an imminent IRA attack after officers raided two addresses in London, foiling a plan to explode a huge bomb within hours. Officers believe there would have been "grave loss of life".

Seven men were arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, and 36 of the latest timer-power units for detonating bombs seized, at

two south London addresses. Maps and other documents, indicating potential targets, were also recovered.

The search was continuing last night for explosives. John Griev, commander of Scotland Yard's Anti-Terrorist Branch, was hopeful that Semtex, the high explosive favoured by the IRA, would be found. He hailed the police operation as stunning.

The breakthrough could hardly have come at a better time for John Major. Pilloried over the Orangemen's stand-off at Drumree, County Armagh, and the violence which followed, he saw the peace

process further devastated by the Enniskillen hotel bombing. His hand with an increasingly critical Dublin government is now strengthened.

Commander Griev refused to give details of the planned attack. Nor would he say why he was convinced it would have taken place within hours, and have led to deaths. "You will be able to hear the evidence in due course."

Commander Griev referred to London utilities as likely targets. Pressed, he said: "That means gas, power, water. I am not prepared to elaborate any further." Police also believe major transport intersections were at risk.

After the IRA ended its 17-month ceasefire with the London Docklands bomb in February, the terrorists have hit the West End of London, Manchester and Qosnabrock barracks in Germany in seven further attacks.



Commander Griev shows items seized in the raids

Devices attached to Hamersmith Bridge in April contained 30lbs of Semtex, the largest amount of high explosive ever planted on the mainland, but failed to detonate.

The attack foiled yesterday was to be another attempt at a spectacular, with one possible target the National Grid headquarters in Berkshire.

Security sources believe

yesterday's coup buys the government some time to get the process back on track. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, made the first move, announcing an independent commission to deal with the marching season problems.

Commander Griev said the police mission nailed the lie that there were difficulties in the relationships among the separate bodies fighting terrorism. The anti-terrorist branch co-ordinated the raids, with close co-operation from the Metropolitan Police firearms unit, Special Branch and MI5.

The role of MI5 is thought to have been crucial. With the timing of the police raids vital, there was strong speculation an informer from within the IRA was key.

In a departure from his usual conservative approach, Commander Griev was un-

equivocal about who was behind the bombing plans as he opened his press conference. "I am here to tell you about a significant success in our struggle against Irish Republican Army terrorism. I believe we were only a few hours away from grave loss of life and serious disruption to ways of life in the capital and South-east." He believed the foiled mainland attack was only the first of several planned. "We counted 36 timer-power units [which] does suggest there were a series of attacks planned."

Armed police raided a house in Woodbury Street, Tooting, at 2.30 am yesterday. They fired CS gas canisters into the house before storming it and arresting four men.

A neighbour, Chris Butler, said in seven months he had never seen a light on there.

Then at Lugard Road in Peckham three men were de-

tained. Neighbours spoke of well-dressed men living there.

Commander Griev would confirm only that some of those arrested were from Northern Ireland. He refused to say if Scots-born Michael Dickson, aged 31, the former British soldier wanted over the IRA attack on Osnabrick, was among them.

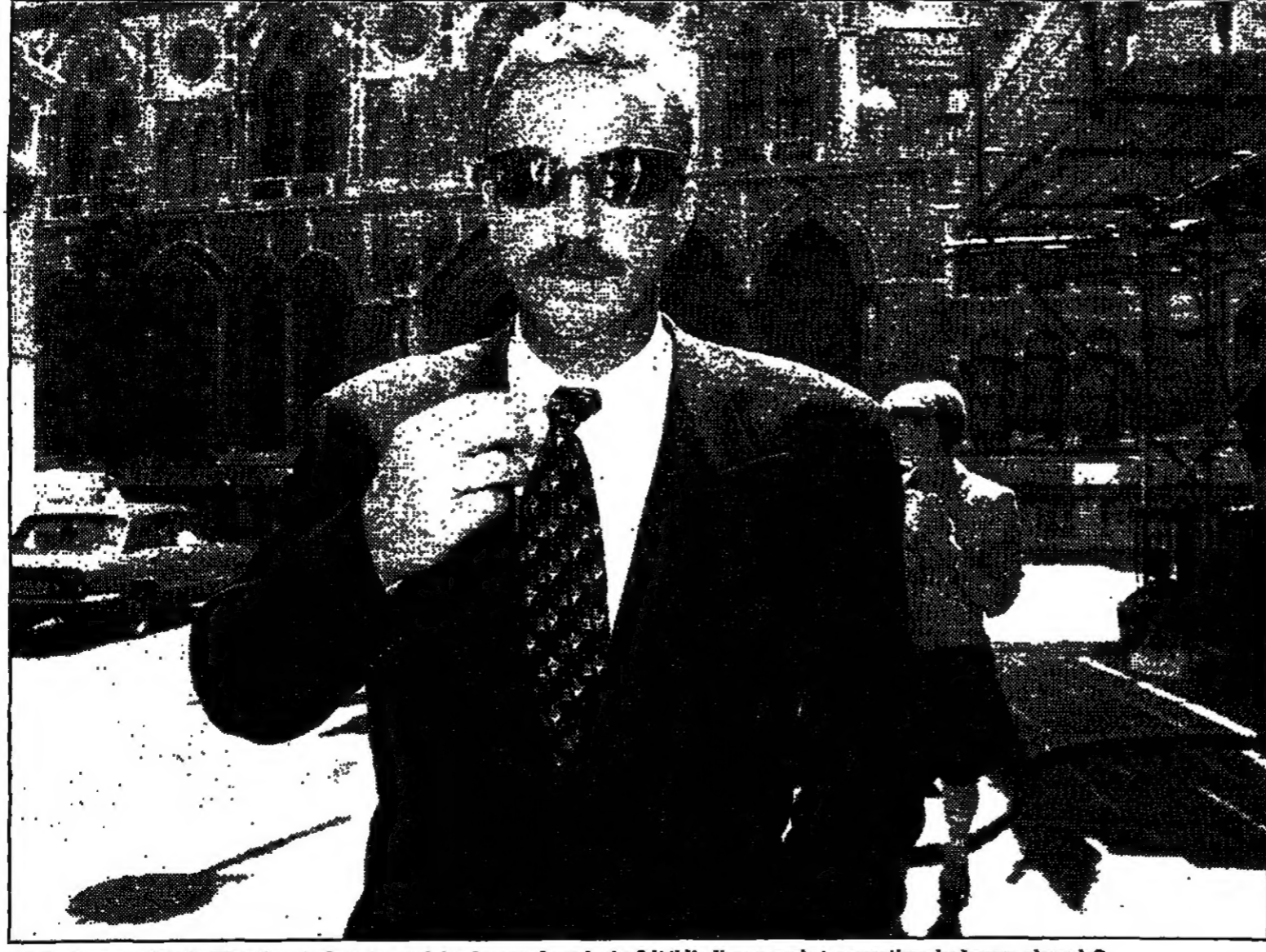
It was the second time the police had discovered a bomb factory in the capital since the IRA resumed its campaign. After 21-year-old Edward O'Brien accidentally blew himself up on a bus at the Aldwych, central London, in February, they found Semtex, detonators and timers at his home in Lewisham, south London.

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## Former Test stars bring libel case after being called 'racist, uneducated and lacking class'



**Botham on Imran:** "To be called racist - which is one thing I have fought against for most of my life - and to be called a cheat is something I take great offence to. I don't quite understand what class has to do with it."



Ian Botham outside the High Court where he explained yesterday why he felt 'blinding anger' at accusations by Imran, above left

**Imran on Botham:** "The rational side in the controversy - Tony Lewis, Christopher Martin-Jenkins and Derek Pringle are all educated Oxbridge types. Look at the others - Lamb, Botham, Truman. The difference in class and upbringing makes a difference."

## Botham and Lamb hit out at Imran's hat-trick of insults

Ruaradh Nicol

**J**EMIMA and Imran Khan were looking sweet together as they held hands under the table or flicked through a coffee table book charting Mike Atherton's career. A few yards away Ian Botham was sounding aggrieved.

Pointing out that Viv Richards was godfather to one of his children, he was defending himself against Imran's claim that he was a racist. "I like to think I could touch down anywhere in the world and knock on someone's door and, whatever creed or nationality, they would be pleased to see me," he said. "Because both cricket

stars are beginning to age - Botham's moustache turning grey and Imran developing a bald spot - court 13 of the Royal Courts of Justice, rather than Lord's, seemed an appropriate place to do battle.

Allan Lamb, or Lambie as Botham referred to him, is also involved in the alleged libel being heard before Mr Justice French.

Botham and Lambie's lawyer, Charles Gray, explained the case to the jury. He said Imran launched an "offensive personal attack" on the two. "Firstly, he called them racists," he said. "Secondly, he called them uneducated. And thirdly, he accused them of lacking class and upbringing."

Botham was appalled. "I've come to this court because I was very proud of what I achieved in sport and to be called racist - which is one thing I have fought against for most of my life - and to be called a cheat is something I take great offence to."

"I don't quite understand what class has to do with it. The sacrifices my parents made for me to make it possible for me to achieve what I wanted to achieve in sport have been numerous."

Mr Gray explained that it had all begun in an authorised biography of Imran when the Pakistani admitted to tampering with a cricket ball. Botham reacted with disgust and

Imran had replied in an article in India Today magazine.

Mr Gray, quoting from the magazine, said the interviewer had asked what the motive for Botham's attack had been and Imran had replied with venom: "There is a lot of racism here."

Imran, a member of the warrior caste in Pakistan, then brought class into it. "Look at the people who have taken the rational side in the controversy - Tony Lewis, Christopher Martin-Jenkins and Derek Pringle. They are all educated Oxbridge types. Look at the others - Lamb, Botham, Truman. The difference in class and upbringing makes a difference."

Botham left secondary school when he was 15 while Imran attended Oxford.

Yesterday both Botham and Lamb displayed nothing but good manners; neither picked their noses or scratched unsavoury parts of their bodies.

Clothing, however, might provide a clue. While Imran wore a dashing black suit that matched his raven hair and Jimma sported a luminous blue kameez that flowed over her pregnancy, both Lambie and Botham managed to look like extras from The Bill.

Mr Gray said Imran is also being sued because of a comment he made to The Sun.

"The biggest names of

English cricket have all tampered with the balls and when I say 'big names' I mean as big as you can get." Mr Gray quoted him as saying.

The lawyer pointed out that Botham, who took 383 wickets in his Test career, was certainly one of the greatest bowlers in English cricket.

As Mr Gray continued to examine Botham, and the player told of his "blinding anger" at Imran's attack, the day drifted to a close.

The players wandered out into the sea of cameramen on the Strand. According to Mr Gray, all Botham and Lambie had wanted was a retraction and an apology, not 10 days in court.

## Murdoch saves £600m in taxes

Les Buckingham

**R**UPERT Murdoch's News Corporation is estimated to have saved more than £600 million in the past five years by exploiting legitimate tax loopholes around the world.

But heavy investment in a number of television projects - which helps to keep the tax bill low - has prompted the corporate ratings group, Standard & Poor's, to downgrade its forecasts for the corporation's earnings outlook.

S & P is concerned that News Corporation's cash flow will be hit for the next four years by its commitments to projects such as the joint venture with Kirch to develop digital pay-TV in Germany, which will only produce profits in the longer term.

Shares in News Corporation dipped yesterday on the rebound from S & P, although the fall was lessened by pre-

dictions that Mr Murdoch's global media empire will see month report profits of about £795 million for the year to June.

City analysts point out that one advantage of News Corporation's heavy investment in new projects is the ability to maintain an extraordinarily low tax charge. But long-term projects absorb the group's cash and lessen its ability to repay debt, which tops £4.5 billion.

The downgrading of News Corporation's profits outlook is based on worries that interest payments will be less easily covered by the group, particularly if, as some analysts predict, News Corporation is forced to accept higher tax payments. Revenue authorities around the world have been attempting to clamp down on the legitimate use of tax loopholes by multinationals.

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Purple Trimble unites the House



Simon Hoggart

SIR PATRICK Mayhew made a statement on Northern Ireland. No doubt some predecessor used to make statements every month or so about the Hundred Years War. "Violent manifestations of antagonism have occurred... democratic process of paramount importance... people of England and France united in their yearning for peace."

agreed we were permitted to despise was the Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble. Mr Trimble sat with his face brick red. Possibly this was embarrassment, but it was more likely the result of marching in the sun for too long over the weekend. The Unionist leader claims never to have owned a bowler hat. They do look silly, but they stop the face peeling.



Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei at the parade forming part of his 50th birthday celebrations

Fifteen years after the pomp, the only party is in Brunei as Waleses' marriage ends

Stuart Miller

JUDGE Gerald Angel should have a "by royal appointment" notice. In court one of the High Court's Family Division in London, the district court judge — who granted the divorces of the Duke and Duchess of York, the Princess Royal and Mark Phillips, and Camilla and Andrew Parker Bowles — yesterday effectively ended the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Hassanal Bolkiah. He opted for a walking stick and an ornamental silver box, with a little water colour painting inlaid into the lid. In marked contrast to the dreary proceedings in London, the party was a star-studded occasion, with Michael Jackson — the Sultan's favourite pop star — among the dozens of VIPs.

Book review

A forensic look behind blue eyes

Sam Wollaston

Behind Blue Eyes: A Life of Pete Townshend by Geoffrey Giuliano. THERE is a lot of Peter Townshend about at the moment. Tommy's on stage in London; a re-mastered Quadrophonia has just come out on CD; the Who came back, yet again, in Hyde Park last month; even the scooter seems to be making a comeback. And now a book. Not bad for a 51-year-old who is constantly reminded that he once wrote: "I hope I die before I get old."

Louder than anyone else, cheeks bulging with amphetamines, their instrument-smashing stage antics made up for any lack of musicalship. The rock, Bach-loving manager, Kit Lambert, realised the power of marketing and encouraged bad behaviour. "Smash your guitar, the Daily Mail's here. We can afford it," he yelled to Townshend from the side.

Gore fumes as Yeltsin stands him up

Cancellation of Kremlin talks fuel fears about president's health

David Hearst in Moscow

BORIS YELTSIN yesterday abruptly cancelled an appointment with the American vice-president, Al Gore, and announced he was taking an immediate rest in a sanatorium outside Moscow for two weeks.

list of sporting activities that Mr Yeltsin, aged 65 and the victim of two heart attacks, would undertake — swimming, tennis and hunting. But US officials were puzzled why Mr Gore was given no word of this change of plan, when he dined with the Russian prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, on Sunday night.

When a reporter asked him to elaborate, he snapped: "I just gave you my comment." Since June 26, Mr Yeltsin has appeared only on television, before cameras which his officials directly control. Even so, he looked pale and spoke with difficulty at his most recent appearance last week to present his new security chief, General Alexander Lebed, at a security council meeting.

His decision to stay close to Moscow is a sign that the power struggle in his administration is far from over. Yesterday he announced he was replacing his headline chief of administration, Nikolai Yegorov, one of those who advised him to start the war in Chechnya, with the radical democrat economist Anatoly Chubais.

Mr Chubais's appointment will hearten Western business investors as much as it will dismay a wide range of Russian political interests. Mr Chubais, the man who aggressively masterminded privatisation, is not only hated by the Communists but has powerful enemies among local heads of administration and Moscow's mayor, Yuri Luzhkov.

The appointment was welcomed by leading members of the liberal Yabloko party, whose leader, Grigory Yavlinski, could be offered the post of deputy prime minister in charge of economic reform. But extreme nationalists were dismayed. Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, head of the Liberal Democratic Party, said: "Chubais must be put on trial for criminal privatisation."

Establishment solicitors oust their maverick president

Clara Dyer Public Correspondent

THE most turbulent year in the Law Society's 150-year history ended last night when its maverick president, Martin Mears, was narrowly defeated in his unprecedented campaign for a second term.

candidate, Anthony Bogan, polling 1,287. Mr Mears's coup in winning election as an outsider last year starkly exposed the alienation High Street solicitors feel towards a body they see as remote and unconcerned with their problems. Mr Mears said last night: "I am pleased the Law Society has acquired the habit of open elections and I expect to be president again in July 1997."

regulatory body and hand its trade union role over to the newly formed Solicitors Association. Both motions are supported by Mr Bogan, though not by Mr Mears. Mr Mears grabbed his first headlines at the society's annual conference last October, when he attacked the Equal Opportunities Commission and the Commission for Racial Equality for funding "preposterous applications" and accused tribunals of allowing themselves to be "hijacked by the discrimination industry."

The next few months saw an exodus among the most experienced senior staff, and in April Mr Mears angered a women lawyers conference when he attacked "discrimination zealots". laws to allow 100 members to demand a postal vote which could oust the entire 75-strong council at any time and force a general election. A second motion would turn the society into a purely



Martin Mears: 'I expect to be president again in 1997'

Scottish Siamese twins die after five days in hospital

Erlend Gouston

SIAMESE twins whose conjoined hearts were not detected until 24 hours before delivery at a Glasgow hospital died yesterday. The five-day-old girls with a shared heart and liver had no chance of surviving the 50,000-1 abnormality, doctors at Glasgow's Queen Mother's

maternity hospital conceded. Other organs, including the kidneys and bowel, were also damaged. A hospital spokesman said the baby girls, who have been named died in their parents' arms after they were taken off ventilation. The mother's doctors first suspected she was too large last Wednesday, a month from her delivery date.

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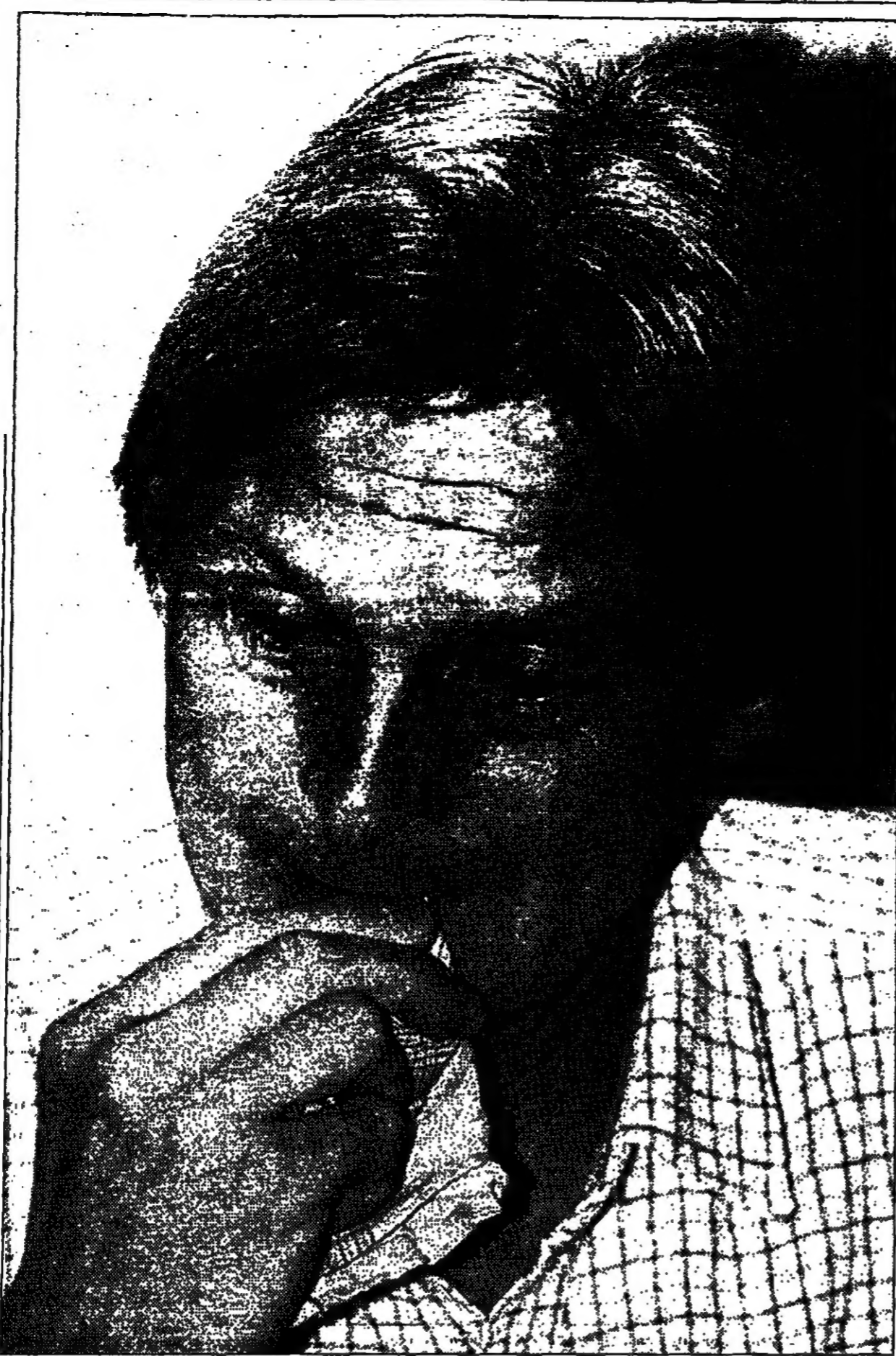
'She doesn't yet know that her mother and sister are dead'

Lucy Manning

THE husband of Lin Russell, who with her six-year-old daughter Megan was battered to death...

Shaun Russell, frequently breaking down in tears, told a press conference about his feelings following the death of his wife and daughter...

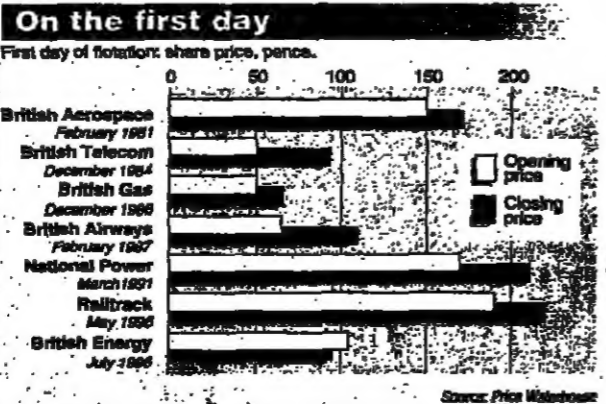
Dr Russell said his main concern was now for his surviving daughter: 'I swing between periods of complete desolation but most of all I am thinking about Josephine...



Shaun Russell, speaking publicly for the first time since his wife and daughter were murdered

Investors burn fingers in nuclear sell-off

Simon Beavis and Chris Barrie THE Government suffered the biggest humiliation of its privatisation programme yesterday when shares in the nuclear power company, British Energy...



price of 105p but immediately began tumbling following disclosures late last week that three of the company's eight stations are out of action.

stock market drubbing, Energy Minister Tim Eggar was 'delighted' with the sale. The Sids were perfectly well aware of the technical issues. They were fully disclosed in the prospectus...

BBC chiefs defend shake-up for 'priceless asset' 'No concessions' in World Service row

Andrew Gull Media Correspondent

JOHN Birt, the BBC's director general, insisted yesterday there would be no concessions to campaigners opposed to his changes to World Service radio.

In a firm defence of his restructuring of the corporation, Mr Birt said: 'We will take the argument to the doubters and to our staff and in the end we will win it.'

Mr Birt said: 'People talk about it like a statue in the garden that needs preserving. It is not an appropriate image - the needs of its audience are changing and it is focusing on audiences in a way it has not done in the past.'



'We will take the argument to the doubters and to our staff and in the end we will win it'

John Birt BBC director general

priceless national asset. The World Service is an institution which is recognised and respected around the world.

Sir Christopher said Sam Younger, managing director of World Service, would be responsible for ensuring it commissioned and received the right programmes.

'The World Service's programmes will remain distinct from those in other areas of the BBC. There is no question of it being swallowed up by some homogenising BBC news machine which turns out identical programmes.'

'The World Service will have dedicated teams within BBC News providing it with specially tailored services.'

Europe poised for trade war with US over Cuba

John Palmer in Brussels and Jonathan Freedland in Washington

THE European Union was the brink of a trade conflict with the United States last night as it prepared to meet threatened US sanctions against European companies trading with Cuba...

want to act to protect the EU against unjustified measures, the EU trade commissioner, Sir Leon Brittan, said last night.

Malcolm Rifkind, insisting it was 'more of a rift with the United States than a crisis', both sides know that the conflict could escalate into all-out trade war.

The way to promote democratic reform in Cuba is not to clobber your allies

shareholders of any foreign companies indicated for trading with Cuba.

EU trade ministers will formally unveil the counter-offensive in Brussels if, as expected, President Clinton decides today not to waive the act's provision which allows US citizens or companies to sue any foreign firm which uses former American assets expropriated after the Cuban revolution.

Italian diplomats said they expected the Cuban leader to attend the United Nations' first World Food Summit in Rome later this year, and that he could continue on meetings with the Italian President, Oscar Luigi Scalfaro, and the Pope.

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### 4 BRITAIN

# Ulster riots 'a setback for peace'

Michael White and David Sharrock

**T**HE Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, yesterday conceded the provinces had suffered its "worst setback for many years" as a result of the violence arising from last week's Portadown clashes.

Launching a damage limitation exercise before a sombre House of Commons, Sir Patrick repeatedly defended the crucial decision by the Chief Constable of Northern Ireland, Sir Hugh Annesley, to reverse his earlier decision not to let Orange Order marchers enter the mainly Catholic Garvaghy Road.

With John Major at his side, he also announced a wide-ranging review of future management of "controversial parades" as well as a special inter-governmental conference under the terms of the Anglo-Irish Agreement on Thursday, at which Sir Hugh will explain his tactics.

With both the SDLP and the Democratic Unionists (DUP) absent from the House yesterday, it fell to the Official Unionist leader, David Trimble, to voice the resentment and suspicions of loyalists that the confrontation was engineered by nationalist forces — even as he appealed to Protestant para-militaries "to maintain their ceasefire whatever the circumstances".

Sir Patrick, who echoed that plea, won ready support from Tory MPs for his insistence that there had been "no political interference" in Sir Hugh's operational decisions. But Labour's Northern Ireland spokeswoman, Mo Mowlam, made veiled criticisms of the Government's failure to act sooner, and explicitly crit-

icised Unionist leaders — "constitutional politicians who had not encouraged their followers to obey the law".

At a press conference, Mr Trimble insisted that his presence in Portadown had prevented the kind of disturbances which occurred at Belfast and Londonderry. Mr Trimble said: "To put it simply, people feel the last two years have been a litany of compromise and concession to militant republicanism."

His colleagues later said "ethnic cleansing" of Protestant families, churches and businesses, was under way in towns like Dungiven, Armagh City, Newtown Hamilton, Bessbrooke, Castle Wellan, White Abbey and Portadown.

In a frank admission that law and order had been at risk, Sir Patrick told MPs that the orders made to prevent "serious organised disorder" had been overwhelmed by "a clear and reprehensible intention to over-stretch the capacity of the RUC to maintain public order".

At Drumree, where Orange activists had been trying to break through, there had been "insidious, despicable and disgusting threats" to families of RUC officers.

"I recognise that the nationalist community, or many of them, are bitterly critical of this decision. But it was taken very much with the safety of the Garvaghy Road residents in mind," Sir Patrick said.

Meanwhile in Belfast Gerry Adams, the Sinn Féin president, called on London and Dublin to carry out an urgent reappraisal of the peace process. "If we are to successfully rebuild a peace process which has any hope of achieving a real peace settlement then I firmly believe that there must be a wholesale review of the peace process, by all the parties involved."



Tressa McShane, centre, whose husband Dermot died after last week's riots in Londonderry, by his coffin at his funeral yesterday PHOTOGRAPH: MAX NASH

# Derry protest victim buried

**A** LONDONDERRY man who died after being struck by an army personnel carrier during the worst rioting in the city for 27 years was buried yesterday, writes David Sharrock.

Dermot McShane, aged 35, was run over on the second night of rioting. An RUC officer who rushed to help him was stabbed in the face.

Mr McShane died in the Al-nagelvin hospital.

At the funeral, a priest, Father Con McLaughlin, said: "Let us pray that no one may say or do anything that will heighten tension or lead to another life being lost."

Mr McShane's body, draped in an Irish tricolour, was buried in the Irish National Liberation Army plot in the cemetery above the city.

In 1969 he was jailed for INLA-related activities, according to its political wing, the Irish Republican Socialist Party. It said he had not been active since his release in 1991.

Mr McShane's wife was supported by her eldest son as the procession wound its way through the Bogside.

# Bomb haul big boost for MI5

Anxiety for IRA if raid followed informer tip-off, writes Richard Norton-Taylor

**T**HE discovery of bomb-making equipment, said to be enough to make 26 devices, is a highly significant breakthrough for the security services, particularly if they were tipped off by an informer.

MI5 — whose role in the operation was given special praise by Commander John Grieve, head of the Metropolitan Police anti-terrorist branch — has had a conspicuous lack of success in penetrating the IRA since it resumed its campaign in Britain with a bomb in London Docklands in February.

Later that month, police found an IRA bomb factory in Lewisham, south London, but they were directed to it after Edward O'Brien blew himself up on a bus in Aldwych. They found 18kg of Semtex explosive, 20 timers, four detonators, an incendiary device and ammunition at his flat.

Security sources last night were coy about how they knew the whereabouts of the seven men arrested early yesterday, preventing what they confidently described as a renewed IRA bombing campaign.

Telephone-tapping is a possible source of the tip-off

but is unlikely given the lengths to which IRA active service units go to avoid detection in this way.

The possibility of an informer is a huge psychological as well as material blow to the IRA. It would be no less a blow if the tip-off came from carelessness on the part of the potential bombers — for example, by acting suspiciously near their targets.

The seven arrests are also significant given the belief among the security services that there are only about 30 IRA members active in Britain.

Cmdr Grieve's disclosures that targets included gas, electricity and water supplies, and that the security services had foiled a plot to cause huge disruption in London and the South-east, suggest that the operation had been planned for some time.

London's electricity supplies are mainly fed underground. Gas and water are supplied through a network of pumps and pipes.

The last time the IRA aimed at energy supplies was in February 1993, when it blew up a gasworks in Warrington, Cheshire.

In a recent report on IRA strategy, Bradford University's department of peace studies said disrupting these supplies was "likely to have little more than short-term national economic impact. Its value lies more in its effect on business and public confidence."

# Librarian claims vendetta over her Yorkshire accent

Martin Wainwright

**B**ITAIN'S biggest library yesterday denied a hidden bullying campaign involving mail interception, sneers at a Yorkshire accent and dropping books to shock staff.

The head of personnel at the British Library's huge complex at Boston Spa, West Yorkshire, told an industrial tribunal the charges had been levelled by a discontented librarian whose work was regularly below par.

But Susan Sheldrick, aged 31, and a librarian at Boston

Spa for 13 years, claimed at Leeds industrial tribunal she was persecuted by her manager, Jean Garlick, aged 37, for her flat Northern vowels, sneezing and going to the lavatory too often.

Mrs Sheldrick, from Harrogate, told an earlier hearing life had been made unbearable in the parliamentary papers and journals section of the multi-storey archive. She said all staff found Miss Garlick difficult to approach and in her case the hostility had become a vendetta, including the opening of piles of books on her desk to upset her. "She constantly complained to me about my Yorkshire accent on the phone," she said. "I was harassed and abused and denied any form of assistance."

But the library's personnel manager, Janice Bigland, told the tribunal yesterday Mrs Sheldrick had failed to make written complaints or to single out Miss Garlick when she claimed to have work-related stress. Confronting Mrs Sheldrick at the hearing, Mrs Bigland said: "I wasn't aware of any conflict with your manager."

The hearing continues.



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Up to 9,000 are at risk of abuse as private arrangements bypass social services and foster parents are not vetted, writes Stuart Millar

# Illegal networks fostering children

## Nigerian parents paying British couples for care

**T**HOUSANDS of Nigerian children, many under five years old, are being treated like commodities by illegal networks of white foster parents across Britain, putting them at risk of abuse and mistreatment. Social services and adoption agencies believe up to 9,000 children have been farmed out to white families by their parents behind the backs of the authorities. Under the Children Act, social services must vet all foster parents.

The natural parents pay the foster family, typically around £30 a week. But while most children are well cared for, social workers have found evidence of abuse.

Olayinka, a Nigerian in her early twenties, told the Guardian how the white family she paid to foster her five-month-old son in Portsmouth passed him on to another family without her knowledge. "I saw my son. I was just crying because they cut his hair, he was in a terrible position, he was crying, he had mucus running out from his nose. He wasn't looked after. He was just abandoned."

Many parents do not realise



Leonora Williams, with Tony, left, and Emmanuel, has fostered 11 Nigerian children since 1986. She still gets calls from parents seeking a white carer



"We want parents to come forward and tell us they are fostering privately to ensure children are getting proper care"

Barbara Evans, above

they risk losing their children. If the private arrangement is discovered, the children can be taken into care or put up for adoption.

In the past, arrangements were set up through the magazine *Nursery World*, where families advertised their children for fostering. Although the publishers stopped accepting the adverts for fear of attracting unsuitable people such as paedophiles, a BBC2 documentary for the *Black Britain* series to be screened tonight has discovered that the networks are still in place in several English counties.

Felicity Collier, director of the British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering (BAAF), said yesterday: "This situation... can't be allowed to continue. Children are being moved around from family to family, and sometimes growing up in areas where they may be the only black child."

She called for a register of approved private foster carers. "Because there is no formal registration and assessment of private carers, the children could be placed with families who are inappropriate. They could be subjected to, at the least, lack of support and understanding and, at the worst, sexual and physical abuse."

Shropshire social services removed two Nigerian children, aged four and eight, from their foster parents after discovering evidence of an illegal network 18 months ago.

Barbara Evans, director of children's services, said yesterday she believed the networks had spread into other areas including Warwick, Kent and Hampshire. "We would rather not use the law and courts. We want parents to come forward and tell us that they are fostering privately so that we can work with them to ensure that the children are getting proper standards of care," she said.

Leonora Williams, a 55-year-old single mother from Shrewsbury, started privately fostering Nigerian children in 1986. Since then she has fostered 11, but is now registered with social services.

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INVESTMENTS

## 'I never saw the nanny'

**O**LAYINKA, a student, had used private foster families "nannies" for her first two children. Although she had found it difficult to leave them with strangers, when she had Joshua in 1981 she decided to send him to a nanny.

"When I had my third child, I was doing my final," she said. "A lady told me they knew someone in Portsmouth. I went there and visited the nanny and I was satisfied with the environment. I paid two weeks' money in advance, left all his clothes and nappies and then left my phone number at work."

Almost a week passed, and despite persistent phone calls, Olayinka heard nothing from the family. Then a letter came from a woman in Gosport, Hampshire, explaining that she now had the child and asking Olayinka to contact her urgently.

**A HAPPY, LITTLE GIRL** aged 17½ is urgently looking for kind and loving foster parents to take the very best care of her. The location can be anywhere as long as the home is clean and warm with no pets. If you would be able to take the very best care of Adesola, and do not drink, please contact the author, 18, The Green, Gosport, Hampshire, GU14 6JF. Tel: 0703 244444. This is a very urgent matter.

**OMOLOLU**, an adorable little baby boy aged just 10 months old needs a foster home urgently. The location must be within 2 hours travelling distance of London with a non-smoking environment. If you can take the very best care of Omololu, please contact the author, 18, The Green, Gosport, Hampshire, GU14 6JF. Tel: 0703 244444. This is a very urgent matter.

Parents found carers through magazine advertisements

She took Joshua back to London. "I've never seen the nanny, the couple I left my child with. I lost all his goods. She was only interested in money. I paid two weeks in advance and the child didn't even stay there for two days."

"When I brought him back he had speech problems," she said. "So I have to start talking him to speech therapists and all that. He couldn't hear properly."

Olayinka believes many Nigerian mothers use nannies because "a lot of them actually believe that it's only when the child goes to English people that they can acquire knowledge, they will be able to speak English. English people are not above us, we are just the same."

## £1bn 'parent tax' anger

**P**ARENTS are having to contribute more than £1 billion a year to their children's supposedly free state education, the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations said yesterday.

The squeeze on school budgets was forcing teachers to ask repeatedly for contributions to pay for educational trips, technology equipment, art materials and other curriculum essentials. "Most parents are being asked to pay £3 to £4 per child per week. It amounts to parent

tax worth £1.2 billion a year," said Sean Rogers, the chairman elect.

"Parents know education has to be paid for. But they would rather pay an honest tax than have their arms twisted behind their backs week after week to pay for extras which schools demand," he said.

Parents' direct contributions towards their own children's learning came on top of regular fundraising and requests for voluntary contributions for the school as a whole, worth £128 million this year.

This money was supposed to fund optional extras, but was being used for books,

equipment, teachers' salaries and school security. There was increasing evidence of "haves and have nots" in the classroom, Mr Rogers said.

The NCPTA was publishing the results of a survey of 2,000 schools. In more than half, the parents thought there were not enough teachers and morale was deteriorating. Primary heads acknowledged staff were teaching subjects in which their knowledge was weak. Nevertheless, parents at 51 per cent of schools said they believed the quality of education was improving.

The State of the Schools in England and Wales 1996, NCPTA

## Judge bars details in Moynihan divorce case

**A** 70-YEAR-OLD Act of Parliament designed to spare living people from "salacious" divorce reports was used yesterday to protect a notorious dead man.

Sir Stephen Brown, president of the Family Division of the High Court, ruled that the press could not report details given in the opening of a case involving Lord Moynihan, who fled from Britain facing 57 criminal charges and died four years ago, aged 85, as a millionaire Philippines brothel-keeper.

Lord Meston, QC, acting for the Queen's Proctor, applied

to the court for Moynihan's divorce from his fourth wife, a Filipino named Eduarda, also known as Editha, to be declared null and void.

The divorce was granted in 1990. The grounds for the application argue that Moynihan had his wife's signature of consent forged on court papers and falsely declared that their 14-month-old son, Andrew, was dead.

Lord Meston said Moynihan submitted a dead child's birth certificate to get a false passport for himself. His message parlour empire is estimated to be worth \$3 million.

The case is regarded as crucial in deciding whether the Moynihan barony is inherited

by his half-brother, former Conservative minister Colin Moynihan, by his son, Andrew, aged seven, or by the son of his fifth marriage, Daniel, aged five, who is also in the Philippines. Evidence is expected to include arguments about DNA test results.

After legal argument yesterday, Sir Stephen ruled the action, as a contested divorce, was covered by the 1925 Judicial Proceedings Act, which was framed to "prevent injury to public morals" through publication of indecent evidence. Reporting should be limited to names and charges until the end of the case. He said the law gave him no discretion.

**You and I know only too well that a condition of non-being is not hell. Hell is to cry, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" and to know that he has not forsaken me but that I have forsaken him.**

George Austin

6 WORLD NEWS

'Wealth chasm must be closed'

Unless a united world reverses the growing disparity, instability must follow, the UN warns. Victoria Brittain and Larry Elliott report

THE wealth of the world's 358 billionaires is greater than the combined annual incomes of nearly half the world's people, the UN's human development report said today in a report highlighting the growing gulf between rich and poor countries.

Warning that the disparity threatens an instability which can only be tackled by a new international solidarity, the UN's human development report said that 1.6 million people in 100 countries had lower living standards now than in the 1980s.

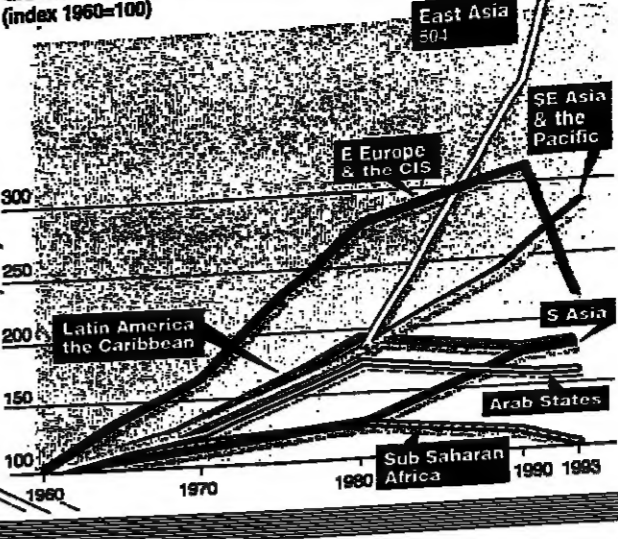
Poverty by numbers

- The wealth of the world's 358 billionaires exceeds the combined annual incomes of countries with nearly half the world's people.
• In 1994-5 average incomes fell by a fifth or more in 21 countries, mostly in eastern Europe and the CIS.
• In 70 countries average incomes are less than they were in 1980, and in 43 less than in 1970.
• In Africa Aids will cut life expectancy from 62 years to 47 by the year 2000.
• Per capita water supply in developing countries has dropped by two-thirds since 1970.
• World military spending is \$778 billion.

Economic growth had failed for a quarter of the world's people, leading to a global polarisation, the report said. Eighty nine countries were now worse off than they were 15 years ago, while 15 countries, mainly in Asia, had experienced a dramatic surge in economic growth over the same period.

tackled the world-wide problem of unemployment (Mauritius, Japan and Sweden are other examples of government commitment to job protection). A study of 69 countries showed that of the 45 with economic growth, more than 40 per cent experienced jobless growth.

Stunning advances and dismal declines



Hindu women wash in the holy waters of the Ganges river in south Bombay as part of India's festival of the new moon, Somavati Amavasya, observed by those hoping to be absolved of their sins. Yesterday at least 60 festival pilgrims, including five children, were crushed to death and many more injured in stampedes at a temple in the central state of Madhya Pradesh and on the banks of the river Ganges at Harwar, 125 miles north of New Delhi

No room in desert for 'human dodos'

After centuries of abuse, there are 100,000 Bushmen left in southern Africa. Suzanne Daley visits a beleaguered community in the Kalahari game park

government is placing more importance on the animals than on us," said Gabotlwe Matsama, who has lived at Xade for more than 10 years, since drought drove him here from even more remote parts of the desert.

Afghan PM bans music in the name of Islam

THE prime minister of Afghanistan, Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, has closed all the country's cinemas and banned music on television and radio, claiming such entertainment is contrary to Islamic law.

Forbidden pleasures

- Going to the cinema
Listening to or playing music
Playing cards
Watching football, volleyball or chess
Dog fights
Long hair on men
Watching videos, satellite television
Horse racing

"Going to the cinema was the only time Afghans could get together. Because of the war people do not invite friends to their homes, because there is not enough food. Going to the cinema was a great social occasion," said an analyst.

Pressure grows for Italians to return Ethiopia's pride

THE elderly tour guide was adamant. "Please, you must be a true witness. This obelisk has to be returned to Aksum where it belongs. It is our own. It was made here by our ancestors and it tells how strong and clever they were."



The obelisk, captured by Mussolini in 1937, in Rome

13,000 signatures on a petition demanding the obelisk's "immediate restitution" which will it will present to the Italian parliament. Professor Richard Pankhurst, a member of the committee, believes that the time is ripe.

Seal cull stains Skeleton Coast

THE seal colony at Cape Cross, echoing with hundreds of bleating pups demanding their next feed, is a rare sign of life on the Skeleton Coast of Namibia, named after bygone shipwrecks.

More than 200,000 seals died as oxygen-deficient water moving up the coast forced fish stocks beyond the seals' feeding range.

At Sharkey's bar in Glasgow a musician called Martin complained that sectarian tensions locally make it impossible for him to perform traditional "rebel" songs. "People here can be threatened, but down south, even when they're English, they don't mind a bit," he grumbled.

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# Campaigning stops as Serb police threaten UN

Jan Black in London and John Palmer in Brussels

**C**AMPAIGNING in Bosnia's post-war elections was postponed yesterday amid ominous threats to Western forces as international pressure again mounted for the swift removal of Serb leaders indicted as war criminals.

bombing of a patrol car last Friday.

At the same time announced that it had grounded Bosnian government military aircraft after finding four anti-tank weapons and ammunition on a helicopter which should have been carrying passengers.

European Union governments were split last night on whether elections should proceed as planned in September if Mr Karadzic continues to play a public political role.

After four hours of debate, EU foreign ministers in Brussels failed to agree on what steps should be taken to remove Mr Karadzic and Gen Mladic from all positions of influence and ensure their transfer to the international war crimes tribunal in The Hague.

The German foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel, vetoed an expression of support for the international peace mediator, Carl Bildt.

There have been sharp disagreements between Mr Bildt and Mr Frowick. Mr Bildt, backed by the majority of EU governments, believes — in Mr Spring's words — that the September date is "absolutely essential".

## Attack on east German camp site 'by far right'

Denis Stanton in Berlin

**E**ASTERN Germany's fledgling tourist industry feared for its future yesterday as seven holidaymakers received hospital treatment after rightwingers attacked three camp sites in Mecklenburg at the weekend.

## Asean stands by Burma as EU debates sanctions

John Palmer in Brussels

**A**S EUROPEAN Union governments discussed sanctions against Burma in protest at the death in prison of the honorary consul James Nichols, the Association of South-east Asian Nations announced last night that it will grant Burma observer status later this week.

"We do realise that the situation in Burma is one which needs some resolution," Mr Alatas said.

"We thought the best way was not to approach it through the application of economic sanctions or isolating them again or putting them in a corner publicly. ASEAN prefers to talk quietly about things that are sensitive to certain countries. That is what we have been trying to do, talk quietly at the ministerial level, at the lower level.

died in prison last month, as "an insignificant crook". A commentator said Nichols, who was convicted of illegal possession of telephones and fax machines in his home, had not been ill-treated.

"I cannot find a reason why there is such exaggeration and fault finding," he said. "The best that must have died because of destiny, as a retribution."

## Drug users seek fix that killed rock musician

Handy Kennedy in New York

**F**EAR from frightening drug users, news at the weekend of the death of a member of the rock group Smashing Pumpkins has increased demand in the city for the brand of heroin that killed him.

## Planet earth is blue and there's nothing she can do: US astronaut is told she must stay in her tin can

Jonathan Freedland in Washington

**T**HIS is Ground Control to Major Shannon. There's something wrong, can you hear me Major Shannon? With not exactly those words, NASA scientists told the US astronaut Shannon Lucid that a technical fault condemned her to stay sitting in a tin can, far above the earth, for another six weeks — extending her already record-breaking 118-day stint.

## 26 die in air crash

French customs agents have seized 250lb of heroin at the entrance to the Channel tunnel, the biggest drug haul since the days of the French Connection, the government said yesterday.

The heroin was found on a high-speed train, inside a British lorry carrying bicycles, photographic equipment and toilet paper. — AP.

## Channel tunnel heroin haul

The Belgian defence ministry said the four-engined turboprop was carrying its normal four crew members as well as the 50 Dutch military musicians on a flight from Villafraanca, Italy.

Witnesses observed the plane making unusual manoeuvres shortly before the crash at the military section of the airport. Immediately after the crash, the airport was cordoned off to keep away "disaster tourists" as they are called in the Netherlands and regional hospitals were put on high alert.



Stepping out... Chelsea may be a main speaker at the Democratic convention. Officials hope she can bolster the president's image as head of a Kennedyesque family and soften the public's impression of Mrs Clinton

## Chelsea bids farewell to the shade

The awkward adolescent may now be a useful weapon for the Clintons, reports Jonathan Freedland in Washington

**L**IKE a debutante coming out, Chelsea Clinton may be about to end four years away from the public spotlight by making a televised speech at the Democratic convention next month which will nominate her father for the presidency.

Clinton's only child would break their strictly-enforced no-publicity rule, which has shielded Chelsea from press and public attention to give her a more normal childhood.

It is also uncertain whether Mrs Clinton will speak at the convention, which nears in her hometown, Chicago, on August 26.

## News in brief

**Ugandan rebels kill 91 Sudanese refugees** UGANDAN rebels suspected of being Christian fundamentalists slaughtered 91 Sudanese refugees in separate attacks last week. United Nations relief workers said yesterday.

**Microsoft and NBC take on CNN with new news channel** THE FIRST salvo in America's 24-hour news war were fired yesterday as Microsoft and NBC, the software giant and the television network, launched a new cable news channel to compete with CNN, writes Ian Katz in New York.

## 26 die in air crash

**T**WENTY-SIX people were killed when a Belgian air force Hercules transport plane carrying members of a Dutch military band crashed at Eindhoven airport in the southern Netherlands yesterday, Dutch television reported. Dozens were injured.

## Channel tunnel heroin haul

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## Abiola deal denied

**O**re Falomo, the doctor of the detained Nigerian opposition leader Moshood Abiola, denied a press report yesterday that a deal was being negotiated for his release. — Reuters.

## Volcano's new life

**M**ount Ruapehu, a volcano in New Zealand's North Island, pumped out huge clouds of ash yesterday as it burst back to life after several days of slumber. — Reuters.

## Burundi dilemma

**P**resident Daniel arap Moi of Kenya expressed doubt yesterday about a Western-backed regional peace plan to end ethnic slaughter in Burundi, and firmly ruled out sending his troops there. He said that extremists were putting the idea of sending "security assistance" in jeopardy. — Reuters.

## Food poison alert

**S**akai city, in western Japan, shut down all its 82 public elementary schools after a food poisoning outbreak affected 3,750 schoolchildren. — AP.

## Earthquake panic

**F**amilies fled in panic into the streets early yesterday as an earthquake in Amcey, in the French Alps, sent roof tiles crashing to the ground and smashed windows. — Reuters.

## Glutton jailed

**L**i Jintong, a village leader in Gaogong, eastern Anhui province in China, who ate and drank his way through 14,000 of public funds has been sentenced to a year in jail. China's state-run Xinhua news agency reported yesterday. — AP.

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Major Lucid keeps smiling as her stint in space grows

Ms Lucid, on board the Russian space station Mir since March, was due to be picked up and brought home next month by the US space shuttle Atlantis.





Dirt  
Matthew Norman

Missus at a Daily Telegraph interview with his other, Irving Terry... Missus at home with a broken leg... An hour later he gets back... The household seems to be in the wars... "Yes, there's been the war and Mark's ankle," Terry thoughtfully... "I'm sorry, Terry..."

Even more upsetting, meanwhile, is the attack on Taidi... George in Private Eye... I don't think there's anything imaginative in the concept... "I'm sorry, Terry..."

Following the vote on MPs' salaries, my postbag bulges with enquiries as to whether the charity appeal for the... "I'm sorry, Terry..."

COMMISSIONERATIONS to the three-year-old... "I'm sorry, Terry..."

MY BOOK of the Week is The Dons in The League... "I'm sorry, Terry..."

DISSENTION on a level rarely witnessed since 1945 besets the German army... "I'm sorry, Terry..."



Time to heed the people of Ulster

Commentary  
Hugo Young

THE people of Ulster are by and large like other people... They want to get on with their lives... "I'm sorry, Terry..."

toleration did not mean surrender... This was one side of the Ulster people... "I'm sorry, Terry..."

and his party sweet... The week after their direct complicity in the overturning of law... "I'm sorry, Terry..."

The change that peace brought to the behaviour of Ulster people turns out not to have happened to their so-called leaders

bles. But his statement now could have been designed to legitimise the worst instincts of the nationalist community... "I'm sorry, Terry..."

Switch on the future

The Government is promising an IT revolution in which we pay our taxes online. Beware empty rhetoric, argues Bill O'Neill — no system works without back-up

ROGER FREEMAN has a dream. He sees computers as a liberating power... He sees people renewing licences, paying tax, applying for grants... "I'm sorry, Terry..."



sounded uncharacteristically threatened... The headteacher is not lazy or stupid... "I'm sorry, Terry..."

Why Kamlesh Bahl must go

Donna Covey condemns the chair of the Equal Opportunities Commission for her betrayal of the women's movement

ANYONE who thought the Equal Opportunities Commission was about women's rights... "I'm sorry, Terry..."

than half of the complaints to the EOC last year were from men... "I'm sorry, Terry..."

Who needs Hell - we have reality



George Austin

IN 1941, when the Devil and his angels were busily occupied... "I'm sorry, Terry..."

The days have gone when all we needed was an apple and a snake in the Garden

only too well that a condition of non-being is not hell... "I'm sorry, Terry..."

Your admiring fiend, Scrawball

Advertisement for Novell software. Text: 'Until July 20th, everything's coming up roses with NetWare 4.1. Now it's time to be quick...'

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10 OBITUARIES

Steve Tesich

In a country of dreams

WHEN Steve Tesich, who has died aged 53, collected an Oscar for the screenplay of Breaking Away...

The script was a study of what it was like to grow up in America in a culture to which your parents do not directly relate



Making a fiction from autobiography... Steve Tesich on the set of Breaking Away

He drops his Italian mannerisms and becomes what he is, "a cutter, and proud of it." The subject of class consciousness...

Douglas Chapman

The ways of the whales

IF THE world's marine mammals — seals, sea lions, sea otters, whales and dolphins — survive human depredations and environmental malpractices...

THUS Chapman helped pioneer what is now called the "precautionary principle", involving reversal of the traditional burden of proof of environmental damage.

Birthdays

Prof Anita Brookner, novelist and art historian, 58; Margaret Court, former Wimbledon champion, 54; John Chilton, jazz trumpeter, 64; Alan Donnelly, MEP, 35; Barry Dudson, cricket umpire, 51...

Gottfried von Einem

Mixing and matching the score

GOTTFRIED von Einem, who has died aged 78, was the senior creative figure in Austrian music in the post-war era.

and he helped a number of musicians to escape from Germany. Nevertheless his own music continued to be heard during the war years...

He was a professor of composition, and became president of the Austrian Society of Authors, Composers and Publishers.

many of his instrumental works. But Von Einem's approach was essentially a synthetic one, juxtaposing elements from modernism with others that were unabashedly late-romantic.

before his death to his Concerto for Orchestra and heard again the adagio, the second movement. I felt that he had come to say goodbye.

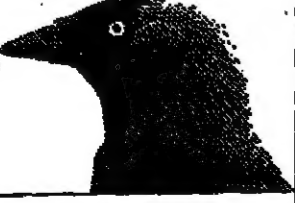


Gottfried von Einem... music with a neo-classical clarity

Letter

LW Clarke writes: Your obituary of Lt Col Kambick (July 19) was first class. But please, if you need in the future to refer to the allied forces advancing eastwards from Algeria...

Jackdaw



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green planting scheme in the Radio 2 area and more subtle blues and greens for Radio 4 to represent the contrasting characters of the two networks.

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MOOVE ON BOEY Federation of America (BOA) has directed all cows nationwide to stop grazing and giving milk. The strike took effect at noon yesterday. Farmers report cows just standing in the fields and not chewing anything. This morning's milk was moderately successful, but farmers report that in a few days udders will be dry. The BOA feels that a strike is needed to stop the endless slaughter of cows in this great country of ours. They cite the nation of India where cows have more rights than people. Three major dairies in Wisconsin experienced rioting with cows over-

THE SPECIAL committee was the first to try to apply simple mathematics to data coming from the operations of the whaling industry, using adaptations of methods developed by its three members in relation to conventional fisheries. We thought at the time that we were indeed being "conservative", but not unreasonably so. It subsequently turned out that our advice had unwittingly been anything but conservative, because our biologist colleagues showed that the rate of reproduction of whales was only half of what we had thought it was. The refusal of the major whaling nations to act on scientific advice, and cut their killing before it was too late, eventually led to the demands in 1972 (at the UN Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm) for a moratorium on all commercial whaling, demands which after repeated failures were eventu-

turning milk trucks and picking local supermarkets, restaurants and school cafeterias. The BOA has declared war on the American cow eating diet and will not move until America changes its eating habits. The unofficial leader, Alice Cowpore stated, "Milk will flow in this country only when America becomes a nation of plant, chicken and fish eaters." A major grass is being organized for July in Washington DC, where cows from all over this country will try to get Congress to pass a civil rights for cows. Remember to love one another and the grass is never greener on the other side. It is only surprising this movement has not spread to Britain. Cow news on the Daily Cow zine http://pages.prodigy.com/NJ/uptz40a3

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Mark Train in New York

F EARS that the bull market on Wall Street coming to a sudden halt increased last night when the stock market plunged more than 150 points...

The catalyst for the latest fall was a profits warning from Applied Materials, the world's largest maker of semiconductor equipment...

trading at 5357.64, down 152.92 points. Technology companies were in the firing line with IBM and AT&T sharply down...

The numbers from Motorola and H-P, and now Applied Materials, are the disaster du jour, said Charles Smith, money manager at P Pitt Capital Management...

are looking for where the next bomb is going to come from, and they're selling first and asking questions later...

That's no turn on, said Mr Wachtel. "What the market needs is some inspiration. You're not going to get that by hitting the numbers. You have to beat them..."

about another negative surprise that could turn the market down, said Larry Wachtel, a market analyst at Prudential Securities...

Earlier, jitters on Wall Street knocked 30 points off the FTSE-100, which suffered its third successive day of falls to finish at 3688.3...

that investors had been lulled into a false sense of security over constantly rising corporate profits...

However, one trader said that if Wall Street continued to fall, the after-effects would be felt this side of the Atlantic...

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Notebook

No-lose myth is finally exploded



Alex Brummer

UNTIL now, privatisation has largely been a no-lose game for the private investor...

vatiation has proved a bad deal for shareholders and taxpayers alike.

Taxing times

WHETHER it is £4 billion or £10 billion a year, tax avoidance costs Britain dear...

Chip glut puts new UK projects at risk

Mark Milner and Chris Barrie

A QUESTION mark was hanging over two of the UK's most prestigious inward investment projects last night...

In a move that will stun the North-east of England, Siemens, the German electronics and engineering company, revealed that it was reviewing all capital spending on semiconductor production...

The Siemens review comes one week after Hyundai's announcement that it was to make Europe's largest single investment by spending £1.7 billion to make cathode ray tubes and semiconductor production...

deputy, Michael Heseltine, was to create 1,800 jobs in two phases. State aid worth \$45 million in grants, training and infrastructure spending were used to entice the company to Britain...

Whether that is a good business decision has to be seen. Meanwhile, Hyundai Electronics Industries said it was likely to go ahead with a long-expected \$1.3 billion (£88 million) semiconductor plant, probably at Dumfries in Scotland...

Investment in the plant at Hadrian Business Park on North Tyneside began last year. The first phase was to create 1,000 jobs, cost DM1.5 billion (now £838 million) and come on stream next year...

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In the frame... Disney's view of the legendary princess

Names back key part of Lloyd's £3bn rescue deal

Pauline Springett

LOYD'S of London yesterday took two giant strides towards securing its future when its Names endorsed a key plank of its £2.2 billion rescue deal and also rejected moves by dissenters to radically alter the reconstruction plan...



Kipper Williams cartoon: 'THEY'VE SENT BACK MY CUFFLINKS'

In a landmark vote at Lloyd's annual meeting at the Festival Hall in London, Names overwhelmingly agreed to pay \$440 million to help fund the proposed £2.2 billion settlement offer...

block to our plan for the reconstruction of Lloyd's. Earlier Mr Rowland told the 3,000 Names present that their endorsement of the levy was crucial because it would be the first public signal of whether the rescue deal would succeed...

At past annual meetings they have vented their anger at Mr Rowland and his team. Yesterday the mood was calmer. However, some of the more disgruntled Names forced Lloyd's to hold an extraordinary general meeting after the AGM...

One of the leading rebels, Alan Porter, who is deputy chairman of the Lloyd's Names Associations Working Party, said the offer was still seriously inadequate and unfair. He warned that some of the Names' action groups were planning to fight on after the reconstruction deal has been finalised...

Tarmac gets little mileage from Pocahontas legend

Dean Atkinson

RARELY does the Disney magic shine on an organisation with the mundanities of road-mending and gravel-digging as Tarmac when it does so, the company is surely entitled to make what it can of the happy occurrence...

party should own the island that takes her name. Or supposedly takes her name. In Virginia it is a different story. A local Tarmac employee, rung from head office in the UK for details of Pocahontas Island, was baffled...

Back in Virginia, the centuries rolled by, sand and gravel were quarried on the island and Tarmac took charge in the early 1980s. With the quarries exhausted, Tarmac is looking for a buyer, for about £1 million; Chesterfield county, the Virginia state government and the US Nature Conservancy are all taking a keen interest...

Prices threat to 3,000 chemists

Roger Cowe

ONE in four local chemist shops could close if resale price maintenance (RPM) on medicines is abolished, according to management consultants commissioned by the Community Pharmacy Action Group...

pharmacies. He said that local pharmacists make almost half their profits from over-the-counter medicines because of cuts in government payments for dispensing prescriptions...

BAT plans to roll up its financial services

Lisa Buckingham

BAT, whose interests range from tobacco to insurance, yesterday revealed plans to roll its financial services businesses into one company in an attempt to drive up its market share and save money...

brands such as Allied Dunbar and Eagle Star in the UK as well as Farmers in America. The move follows pressures on its financial services business caused by market competition, particularly from direct telephone sellers...

between the financial services companies and to differentiate their market position to enhance growth and profits. Although the emphasis will be on the UK market, BAPS intends to invest to expand in Asia as well as in Europe, South Africa and South America...

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# 12 FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

## Chancellor cools pre-election giveaway fever • Happiness for house sellers • Sharing system worries investors

Despite fresh signs of strength in the housing market and on the high street, the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, holds out the prospect of further interest rate cuts still to come...

# Tax cuts hit borrowers, says Clarke

Richard Thomas  
Economics Correspondent

**T**HE Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, warned MPs yesterday in November's budget could scupper hopes of pre-election interest rate cuts.

Speaking to the all-party Treasury select committee, Mr Clarke said that financial markets would punish unjustified fiscal easing by pushing up the cost of borrowing.

In the latest round of his campaign to play down hopes of large-scale tax cuts, the Chancellor said: "If we are perceived as cutting taxes for political reasons, we would pay a penalty in higher interest rates — which would be damaging for a large section of the population."

Hinting that the next move in base rates — from the current 5.75 per cent level — would be downwards, Mr Clarke said lower mortgage payments from a 1 percentage point cut in base rates were more valuable to the average family than trimming 1p off the standard tax rate.

"For quite a large proportion of people, interest rates have more impact than income tax," he said.

The Chancellor denied using monetary policy as a form of demand management, but admitted there was much further to go before the consumer and housing recovery took hold.

Ahead of tomorrow's publication of the minutes of the May policy meeting with the Bank of England governor, Eddie George — which are expected to show that Mr Clarke cut rates by 0.25 percentage points against the Bank's advice — he warned of the danger of keeping the cost of borrowing too high.

"I do not believe in setting interest rates any higher than is necessary to hit the inflation target," he said. "Anyone can hit an inflation target by squeezing all the life out of an economy."

Despite figures published yesterday showing house prices rising at the fastest rate since the late 1980s and a fresh pick-up on Britain's high street, Mr Clarke insisted that inflationary pressures were muted and played down expectations of a re-run of the 1980s boom. "People are

worrying about over-heating, but in fact we are simply warming up from quite a low temperature," he said. "There is still a long, long way to go."

Estate agents polled by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) last month said prices had jumped by more in the three months to June than since October 1988.

But Ian Perry, RICS housing market spokesman, said that the reluctance of potential sellers to put their homes up for sale was the reason for the rise in price, as supply failed to meet demand.

"A shortage of housing stock is driving up prices in the short term," he said. "This could put the brakes on the continuing housing market recovery."

The average number of homes on the books of each estate agent was just 124, the lowest figure since spring 1989. However, Mr Perry said agents should soon begin to react to stronger activity and other homes for sale — which would stabilise prices and keep the market moving.

Stronger demand for housing is already producing brisk trade for retailers, according to the latest snapshot of the high street by the British Retail Consortium. Sales in June were up by 7 per cent on the same month last year — compared to May's annual rise of 6.3 per cent — with housing-related spending in furniture and DIY stores particularly buoyant.

Andrew Higginson, chairman of the consortium's economics affairs committee, said: "Consumer confidence and willingness to spend has certainly improved and this is reflected in greater optimism among retailers."

Summer clothing sales and an upturn in sales of alcoholic drink, helped by Euro 96 soccer, also boosted overall retail sales, the BRC said.

The improvement in the property market is also beginning to trickle down to the construction industry, according to a separate survey by the Building Employers Confederation released yesterday. Output by UK construction firms grew by 0.8 per cent in the second quarter of 1996, the first rise since the beginning of 1995. "We can at least begin to see some light at the end of a very long, dark tunnel," said Paul Shepherd, chairman of the BEC.



**Crest system of paperless dealing 'no threat to small shareholders'**

Ian King

**T**HE Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, insisted yesterday that Crest, the computerised paperless share settlement system, would not price small shareholders out of the market.

Speaking at a ceremony

where he switched on Crest (above), a system costing more than £25 million, Mr Clarke said it would benefit both institutional and small shareholders by reducing their risk and dealing costs.

He said that Crest marked a "new era" for the City, and would help to

keep London at the "cutting edge" of financial markets. The Chancellor also tried to allay fears that dealing costs would rise for small shareholders because of Crest.

"Private shareholders have not been forgotten," he said. "Those who wish to keep their share certi-

ates can do so and trade at a reasonable cost." However, Howard Davies, deputy governor of the Bank of England, who was also at the launch, said: "Some shareholders may have been subsidised [by larger share-dealing organisations] in the past, and that must come to an end. But in the long run, the cost of a paperless system is bound to be lower, and all investors will benefit from that."

Christine Dann, director of operations at the Stock Exchange, said that Crest's benefits would be seen over time.

PHOTOGRAPH: MARTIN ARQUES

# Siemens' recovery points way for new-style global capitalism

**OUTLOOK/Chief executive Dr Heinrich von Pierer has moved with the times, he tells MARK MILNER in Cernobbio**

**D**R HEINRICH von Pierer has every reason to be a happy man. Nine months into the financial year at Siemens, where he is chief financial officer, the company looks set to redeem his pledge that net income will be up by a fifth this year.

But it is not quite there yet. At the nine-month mark, the improvement is running at 18 per cent — close enough to bring that 20 per cent figure within sight, but just far enough away to indicate that the original target was a sufficiently demanding one.

The group managed to turn in productivity gains of DM2.2 billion — net income rose to DM1.65 billion (£696 million) in the nine months to the end of June, while new orders sported a healthy 9 per cent improvement at DM172.8 billion — it is thanks to its performance abroad rather than at home.

Corporate Germany has its problems and Dr von Pierer is not inclined to gloss over them. External investment by German companies is running, he says, at about DM48 billion a year — while foreign investment in Germany is about DM14 billion.

On a rule of thumb basis, the Siemens chief executive reckons that the investment shortfall equates to some 300,000 and 350,000 new jobs — enough to make a dent in Germany's 4 million-strong dole queue.

Little wonder that Dr von Pierer is anxious that the Bonn government's strategy for job creation bears, at least some, fruit. The company itself, however, is an example of Germany's industrial difficulties. On a like-for-like basis, the group will shed more than 2,000 jobs in many of its divisions this year rather than earlier forecasts of about 9,000.

Nor is it just jobs. Last year

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of corporate Germany, seek to face the challenges posed by "market globalisation" — fiercer competition, lower international prices, technological transfer — they face another challenge. Germany's corporate structure, especially the close links between banks and industrial groups, is coming under increasing criticism. As Dr von Pierer admitted yesterday, there is growing pressure on companies to realise "shareholder value".

Dr von Pierer acknowledges the validity of some of the criticisms and that financial markets (traditionally never the main focus of attention for corporate Germany) will impose sanctions on those companies where profitability lags behind international benchmarks. Siemens itself has yet to achieve the 15 per cent return on equity which is its own target.

For Dr von Pierer, however, shareholder value does not have to mean "short-term optimisation of results".

"We need a longer-term perspective. It is only healthy companies which can secure long-term jobs but it is only with motivated staff that you can promise shareholders to increase shareholder value."

That might sound like sense but Dr von Pierer may find that the new generation of Anglo-Saxon style capitalists, with their emphasis on shareholder value, will not be as patient as their Rhineland forerunners.

**News in brief**

### CBI seeks boost for transport sector

BRITAIN'S declining transport infrastructure needs boosting with £11.25 billion a year over the next decade. The CBI said yesterday. Asair Turner, its director general, said that private finance could increase to an estimated third of future investment, but this would still leave the public sector responsible for most investment.

The £11.25 billion compares with the £2.75 billion average invested each year over the past decade. Nearly half the proposed investment, says the CBI, should be devoted to maintenance and renewal of existing road and rail networks. Mr Turner said that investment in all transport modes should rise, but that roads' share of investment should fall from 66 per cent to 62 per cent.

Among the CBI's targets are the completion of the west coast main line from London to Glasgow and the national roads programme within 10 years, the opening of Terminal 5 at Heathrow and a second runway at Manchester airport. — Keith Harper

### Escom UK wields axe

MORE than 180 head office staff of Escom UK were made redundant yesterday after the computer retailer was put into receivership by Barclays Bank late on Friday. The fate of about 800 staff at the company's 168 Rumbelows stores is still in the balance.

The job losses follow the decision by the German parent company, Escom AG, to file for bankruptcy after the court-appointed administrator was unable to raise enough new capital to keep it afloat. Under German law a company must file for bankruptcy if it fails to get agreement from a majority of its creditors to a restructuring plan allowing it repay 30 per cent of debts within a set period. — Nicholas Bannister

### Scottish Power talks

SCOTTISH Power said last night that it had entered "co-operation" talks with Electrabel, Belgium's largest quoted company, on how to best share technology developments. Scottish Power, which also said that Electrabel had taken a 1.5 per cent stake in it, said the Belgian company would be one of a "number" of overseas utility companies it would be talking to.

Under the agreement, Electrabel will not take a stake of more than 5 per cent in Scottish Power over the next two years, while Scottish Power — which recently bought Southern Water — may also take a similar stake in the Belgian group over the same period. Announcing the talks, Scottish Power chairman Ian Robinson said the group had held "constructive" talks with Electrabel over the last few months, and said there was "plenty of potential" to work together. — Ian King

### Advertisers feel good

GROWING consumer spending is fuelling a bonanza in advertising expenditure, which rose by 4.3 per cent in real terms last year to £10.3 billion, according to the latest influential review from Zenith, the large media-buying company. The growth in advertising for 1995 had been forecast at just 3.4 per cent.

Zenith predicts a 3.2 per cent real growth rate in 1996, followed by two more years of similar expansion, with TV and radio likely to be the major beneficiaries. Although the UK showed the strongest advertising growth in Europe, it was below the global growth rate of 8.9 per cent which took total expenditure on advertising worldwide to £180 billion. — Lisa Buckingham

### Mercury quits paging

MERCURY Communications has decided to pull out of the paging business with a view to re-investing in "forward-looking" operations such as Internet or data services. It has agreed to sell its 51 per cent stake in Mercury Paging to a US management team for £30.8 million. M-Tel and Motorola, the minority shareholders, have also agreed to sell their stakes in a deal which values the paging business at £60 million. — Nick Bannister

### Costain warning

CONSTRUCTION group Costain has warned that if next Monday's shareholder meeting does not approve its financial restructuring the group will be plunged into receivership. The refinancing will leave the Malaysian firm Intri with a 40 per cent shareholding, and banks are also likely to end up with a sizeable stake. — Roger Cook

### Eurotherm shares leap

SHARES of Eurotherm, the electronics group, jumped 18p to 547p yesterday on reports that it is on the point of reinstating ousted chief executive Clues Hulman. — Ian King

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Williamson return

Motor Racing

Alan Henry on the governing body's moves to liven up races

Formula One cars may get nose job

SOMETHING must be done to liven up grand prix racing and produce more closely contested events than Sunday's professional British Grand Prix at Silverstone...

later complained of poor flag marshalling but the McLaren was lapping almost two seconds per lap quicker than the Saubers.

work is being carried out by the Fia with quarter-scale models of cars in sophisticated wind tunnels...



Hill stalled... the British driver in the sand for the second day running - at the RAC Country Club, Epsom, yesterday

Cricket

Presenting a united and democratic Pakistan

David Foot meets the manager who has transformed the much-maligned tourists

YAWAR SAEBD leans over the players' balcony. He is surrounded by his team as they applaud with undignified joy the innings of a 19-year-old...

Saeed, 61, has done the job before, first when he took charge in the mid-Eighties on the tour to Australia and New Zealand...

"I can assure you there are no divisions now. We have made certain rules. Ours is a very democratic team. I involve the players in every decision."

one in the team is different. The art of managing is being able to handle them according to their temperaments.

field. It was arranged for Saeed to come over and play a few matches for Somerset. His debut was against the Australians in 1983...

was seen by some as a future Test player. Instead a career - away from cricket - was opening up for him at home.

Kiwis fail to shake English tailenders

THE England ninth-wicket pair of Clare Taylor and Suzie Redfern held out for 27 overs at Guildford yesterday to deny New Zealand victory in the third Test and the series.

England, set 311 to win in the day, were in deep trouble at the Yorkshire captain Sue Metcalfe dug in for a three-hour half-century and then Taylor and Redfern defied the New Zealand attack...

Racing

Bonanza time for old Ned

Ken Olfner NED'S BONANZA, a seven-year-old gelding, has won in eight races this season, may not, at first glance, seem the best of horses to make your banker bet at Beverley today...

Eclipse, Court of Honour and Luso are expected to be England's principal contenders. Ireland's Vintage Crop, hiding to become only the fifth horse to win the race twice...

Last year Ned's Bonanza had seven unsuccessful runs before coming good in a five-furlong sprint at Beverley in July and by the end of the season he was running off a mark of 70 in handicaps...

Frankie Dettori could be bound for Australia next year. He has been invited to represent the Rest of the World in a world jockeys' championship.

Beverly card with form guide

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Brighton runners and riders

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3.30 CHAMPION HANDICAP

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4.01 BRIGHTON HANDICAP

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4.45 PAVILION HANDICAP

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Williamson returns to action

NORMAN WILLIAMSON resumes riding at Killarney tonight. He rides Pat The Hat for John Walsh and has another booked ride there on Wednesday.

after his return he took a heavy fall from Eskimo Nel at Newbury and dislocated his right shoulder.

Quits pagery

Les Benton, general manager of the Victoria Racing Club, threw down the gauntlet as he sought to attract as many as five European runners to the November 5 spectacular. Celeric, Double

Shares lag

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RACELINE logo and contact information for Beverly 101 and Brighton 102.

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Rugby

Both codes have transformed themselves, both have done television deals with Rupert Murdoch. So what do people think of them so far?

The year that changed everything

FOR years rugby league and union have been at each other's throats... Both codes have transformed themselves, both have done television deals with Rupert Murdoch.

Rugby union

The player RICHARD COCKERILL (Leicester and England A hooker) "The thought of not being involved in a great tournament like the Five Nations is seriously depressing, especially for those who, like me, have international ambitions but are still waiting for a chance at the very top level."

Rugby league

The players NIC ARMOLDOY (chairman, Professional Players Association) "There have been a number of positives for the players. First the move to summer, which I would say was at least partly Murdoch's doing, has gone down quite well."

Rugby union

The fans DAVID EACHUS (Richmond) "Rugby is going down the road of pay-per-view and that has to be bad news for the vast majority of supporters. All most of us want is to switch on the television and watch a Five Nations international in peace - after all, we can't get tickets because of all the corporate hospitality - but that is looking less and less likely."

Tour de France

Podenzana bites on the final day of the underdog

William Fotheringham in Villeneuve-sur-Lot ONE of the many unwritten rules of the Tour de France is that the team with the yellow jersey does not get greedy and stop teams with no interest in the overall ranking going for stage wins. A week ago voices were raised when the Telekom team of Birme Riss prevented a fellow Dane, Rolf Sorensen, from winning; since then they have learned their lesson, and not a stage has gone by without the lesser lights being given their head and taking their stage victories.



Jeans genie... Podenzana enjoys his first ever stage victory

However, Riss is clearly confident. "The climb is made for me. I can gain time - minutes or seconds. The form I'm in is the best I have ever known and I reasonably think I can make it," he said. If he is to have any chance of a sixth Tour win, today Indurain must reverse his usual tactic of using attack solely as defence.

Soccer

PFA may sue despite new peace talks

TALKS aimed at averting a first-ever strike by some of England's professional footballers are likely to be resumed tomorrow. With the row over the distribution of television revenue now threatening to escalate into a prolonged war of words, representatives of the Football League and the Professional Footballers' Association are thought ready to reopen negotiations.

Soccer

Liverpool denial of Poborsky chase clears way for United

MANCHESTER United's chances of signing Karel Poborsky improved appreciably yesterday when Liverpool strenuously denied making a second bid to lure him to Anfield.

Results

Soccer

INTERNATIONAL CUPS Greenock Athletic 4, Clonsilla Celtic 1; Republic of Ireland 1, Bulgaria 1; Greece 1, Mexico 1; Israel 1, Soviet Union 1; Romania 2, Czech Republic 1.

Golf

WILLIAMS CHAMPIONSHIP (Williamsburg, Va) Leading final round (US 18 hole) states: 265 S Hoop 64, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

Tennis

ATP TOURNAIMENT (Shanghai, Ger) First round: G. Basso (It) b. V. B. Anzures (Mex) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; S. Schuster (Austria) b. F. M. Mayer (Austria) 6-3, 6-3, 6-3; K. Krawinkel (West Ger) b. T. Carbonell (Spain) 6-3, 6-3, 6-3; M. C. Hill (USA) b. J. Burge (USA) 6-3, 6-3, 6-3; J. K. Stock (USA) b. J. Burge (USA) 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

Cricket

DOUGLAS CUP (Surrey) Hampshire 208, Sussex 204. Hampshire 208, Sussex 204. Hampshire 208, Sussex 204.

Cycling

TOUR DE FRANCE Stage 18 (17km) G. Indurain (Spain) 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

Evening Racing

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Fixtures

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Sport in brief

Basketball The Orlando Magic are ready to offer Shaquille O'Neal \$15 million over seven years to make him the best-paid player in the NBA. "I just want a fair deal," the centre said.

Ice Hockey

Nottingham Panthers of the Superleague have signed the Canadian forward Derek Laxdal. 30, who was Humberdale Hawks' top scorer last season, writes Vic Baxter.

Motor Racing

A fifth person died yesterday from injuries suffered when a rally-cross race in Essay, France, went out of control and flew into the crowd.

Golf

The Open Championship

Seve the Spanish lion sustained by his pride

David Davies on whether Lytham can re-ignite the Ballesteros spark

WHEN Severiano Ballesteros saw the sign yesterday...

His last round then, of 65, has been called the best round of his brilliant career...

At the time he was even more emphatic. "You may only play that well once in 25 years..."

It requires tremendous powers of self-belief to allow yourself to play as wildly as he has done over the years...

It is unlikely that he will ever win. He is now 39 and his game is in tatters...

But it is a mixture of that self-belief combined with pride that has drained him...

It has also meant that in an era of appearance money he has been acutely conscious of the fact that the promoter is depending on him at least to make it to the weekend...

"If I had my time in golf again," he once said, "I would do it very differently..."

"I was famous because of one birdie. It took me nine years to get away from that thing"

himself on ordinary events, in order to conserve his reserves for the major championships.

It is a little too late for that now although, if there is one place, apart from St Andrews, that might ignite the spark again, it is Lytham...

It is to be hoped that he is wearing it for the final round at Lytham...

the left. As I was checking the yardage to the green Buldenero, my brother, told me I had a two-stroke lead because Ben Crenshaw had taken six at the 17th...

But an envious Hale Irwin, who had seen at close quarters the Ballesteros idea of accuracy, spread the idea of Lucky Seve...

That relatively boring birdie - a drive and nine-iron to 10 inches - gave him a one-stroke lead over Price...

The Spaniard had missed the green on the left with his second shot and was lying in short, fluffy grass...

I have watched that shot over and over on video," said Ballesteros yesterday...

Ballesteros, a man of superstition, was dressed as he had been in 1979 in dark-blue sweater and trousers...

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OLYMPIC GAMES



Sole survivor... Gilbert Tuhabonye, the Burundi athlete hoping to run in Atlanta, bears the scars of his horrifying experience

From nightmare to dream

GILBERT Tuhabonye always loved to run. As a child he ran barefoot for miles around the Burundi village where he grew up...

happened, in the face of his incontrovertibly grotesque injuries, churchish even to try. Suffice to say that in his own country he is known as 'The Survivor'...

capital Bujumbura, where he was treated for third-degree burns over much of his body...

the accident" Tuhabonye had been offered a sporting scholarship to Tulane University in the United States...

bellum town. "Normally when someone gets an accident they stop running," he beams through slightly crooked teeth...

Injury-hit Watson gives St Annes cold shoulder

TOM WATSON will not be playing in the Open Championship on Thursday, writes David Davies

Watson, who has won the title five times, four times in Scotland and once at Royal Birkdale, has problems with a rotator cuff in his shoulder...

His caddie Bruce Edwards said: "Ageing is a mental thing. But it must have been painful for him to even consider pulling out..."

At Fairhaven yesterday Ricky Willison achieved the 14th hole-in-one of his career on his way to qualifying for the Open...

Ross Drummond refused to let go of the top spot at Southport and Ainsdale, adding a 68 to his first-round 63...

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the other three venues he said: "You can't relax - I couldn't even have a drink last night."

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Scottish swimmers do not have a bad Olympic record; David Wilkie saw to that. Bobby McGregor had won 100m silver (1964) and 200m bronze (1968)...

Smith pushing for the power of Perkins

Peter Nichols in Tallahassee on the Scot's chances in the 1500 metres freestyle

ONE name resounds in distance swimming: Kieren Perkins. The Australian holds every title going: Olympic, world and Commonwealth...

outpowered America's defending champion John Henckman in the 200m breaststroke and shattered the world record.

Smith is still so raw an apprentice that any Olympic expectations must be tempered. "I want to be the first Briton to swim under 15 minutes," is his ambition...

has built up the miles. Concentrated four-week spells of intensive training have seen the 20-year-old reach 85-90km a week, all done in 50m lengths.

America preaches an even more excessive gospel, many of its swimmers hitting the 100km jackpot. But distance has not been commensurate with results: the Australians, they say, never go over 76km.

in Sheffield this spring, as well as the British 500m record along the way in the best Perkins fashion.

When he won silver in Vienna, Smith had just recovered from glandular fever and a bad flu virus. That makes Smith and Calleja hope, with the uninterrupted build-up they have enjoyed this year, Hoffmann is within reach.

That hardens the competitive edge. On Friday next week, when Smith's Games really begin (the heats are on Thursday, final Friday), he will sit poolside, switch on his Walkman, listen to Bon Jovi and cut out everything around him to prepare for his most important race.

Rugby League

Leeds crisis deepens as top props eye no-fee moves

John Huxley

BAD financial news followed hard on the heels of a bad football result at Leeds as the relegation-threatened club called what could fairly be described as a crisis meeting yesterday.

With Sunday's 34-31 reverse at Sheffield leaving Leeds third from bottom and well adrift of the bunch, Headingley gloom deepened when the team manager Hugh McGahan and coach Dean Bell revealed that their two first-choice prop forwards, the club captain Neil Hawton and Harvey Howard, were moving overseas and unlikely to yield much transfer compensation.

Howard is set to join the Australian side Western Suburbs which means, given the festering ARL-Murdoch ructions, that there is little chance of Leeds collecting a fee. Harmon's contract expired on June 30 and he has been offered a short-term deal by Paris St Germain; after the

Tennis

Court No. 1 may host Davis Cup

WIMBLEDON'S No. 1 court, due to be demolished to make way for a new players' and media centre, may be granted brief reprieves if the LTA agrees to stage Britain's Davis Cup tie with Egypt in September at the All England Club.

The chief executive Chris Goringe said yesterday: "We would need a formal request from the LTA. We don't know when the bulldozers will be moving in but I can't see that as a problem."

Britain must beat Egypt in the Group Two tie to gain promotion to Group One and the captain David Lloyd is keen to stage the match at the All England Club rather than Eastbourne's Devonshire Park.

Tennis

Knee knocks out Drechsler

GERMANY'S Olympic long jump champion Helke Drechsler has pulled out of the Games after failing to recover fully from torn knee ligaments.

"It's not my style to go into something if I can't give my all," said the former East German. "I just have to accept that sport is made up of disappointments as well as success."

The International Amateur Athletic Federation is set to ban the Italian high jumper Antonella Bevilacqua from the Games.

Tennis

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claimed she took the drug by mistake in an over-the-counter Chinese herb medicine. But the IAAF wants to suspend Bevilacqua for three months.

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# SportsGuardian

## Carling hints at player rebellion

Robert Armstrong on the bullish reaction of England's former captain to his side's exclusion from the Five Nations tournament

**E**NGLAND may soon be forced by its own international players to find a compromise solution to the self-destructive dispute with the three other home unions over the sale of television rights for the Five Nations Championship. Yesterday the former England captain Will Carling said English rugby union could not survive without the tournament and warned that the players would not stand by and accept exclusion. Carling, who has still not been replaced as captain, benefited from player-power 14 months ago after being sacked for his "old farts" remark about the men at Twickenham. Senior England players said they would refuse to accept the captaincy and Carling was reinstated. Yesterday he said that, without the Five Nations, players would feel "tremendous frustration... playing international rugby is the pinnacle. If that is taken away from you and placed in doubt, you're going to get very, very unhappy players who I don't think will just sit and accept the situation."

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still think England will reconsider and there will be a compromise. And last night John Richardson, the new Rugby Football Union president, hinted that Twickenham was prepared to compromise. He said: "We are committed to and value highly the Five Nations Championship. The RFU's principal aim is to ensure the future well-being of English rugby and we believe this includes being part of the family of nations. We are prepared to meet with the other nations and consider ideas consistent with that aim."

Allen Hesse, one of two Scottish Rugby Union representatives on the Five Nations Committee, said that, if England were to reconsider, they would have to do it quickly.

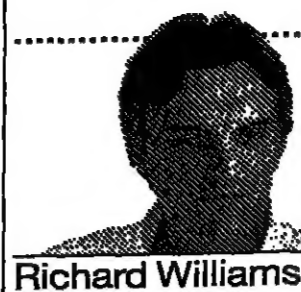
"If the RFU is to change its stance, it must indicate that change of stance at the earliest opportunity. Given the complexity of the task to organise, we are beyond the 11th hour and hence the necessity of our early announcement on England's exclusion. But let me emphasise that England are now excluded from the championship and Scotland and the other home unions, with the support of France, are now going ahead with plans for an alternative championship without England. After striking their \$27.5 million five-year deal with Twickenham, Sky offered Wales \$40 million, Scotland \$30 million and Ireland \$18 million. Wales, Scotland and Ireland insist on equality from the television money, given that England are entitled to a big bonus from their domestic rugby showpieces and extra Twickenham Internationals."

### A DRIVE DOWN MEMORY LANE



Spanish practice... Ballesteros back at Lytham, where he won in 1979 and 1988 PHIL SHELTON

## A day when Formula One lost the plot



Richard Williams

**M**Y NAME is Michael Schumacher, not David Copperfield," the world champion said in answer to a question from one of a scrum of reporters crowding round him in the Silverstone paddock on Sunday afternoon, anxious to know what had gone wrong with his Ferrari team. "I cannot forecast what the results of our analysis will be."

David Copperfield? It was hard not to be impressed. Schumacher is a highly intelligent man, with a growing command of English, but few people would have marked him down as a student of England's greatest novelist. And what on earth did he mean, exactly? What was there to be found in David Copperfield that could be related to his own plight? Or did he mean Great Expectations, perhaps? Oliver Twist, even?

the engineers at Ferrari. The fruitless protest, which wasted a lot of people's time, was the final play in a day that, one way and another, summarised pretty much all of grand prix racing's current defects. Here's what happens. You queue for hours to get into Silverstone, having paid a fortune for the privilege, and then you queue for hours to get out. In the meantime your hero, who hopes to win his first world championship title this season, messes up his getaway from the grid and then crashes because someone hasn't tightened up a wheelnut. Your sentimental favourites at Ferrari, a team who have been in the game for longer than anyone, and who won the very first British Grand Prix 46 years ago and now operate with a virtually unlimited annual budget, prove for the third time in three races that they no longer know how to get either of their cars past the first half-dozen laps. And as for racing... well, after the first corner, you could have been forgiven for thinking that overtaking had been banned. Which, given the technical regulations and what they do to the cars, it more or less has, *de facto*.

**S**ILVERSTONE, which once had an average speed of almost 150mph for Formula One cars, has been redesigned over the years to include as many as possible of those "rough second-gear corners" which allow television viewers to read the advertising hoardings without too much eye-strain. What they do to the actual racing is summed up in the attitude of the people who go to Silverstone to race historic cars. Appalled by the latest configuration, and what it did to the racing, they persuaded the circuit owners to realign the corners whenever they have one of their highly enjoyable meetings.

Gerhard Berger, who came second in the grand prix, was typically honest when he was asked afterwards to sum up the nature of Sunday's race. "To overtake with a Formula One car these days is nearly impossible," he said. "There's too much risk involved." Don't get me wrong. I love grand prix racing, for all its faults. But I don't expect all the 100,000 people who turned up on Sunday to have as much as I do. And I don't expect them all to be back next year, which is something that Formula One needs to think hard about.

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## Champion keeps an Open mind

**T**HE Open champion John Daly arrived at Royal Lytham yesterday in typically confident mood for a repeat victory when the championship begins on Thursday. The Wild Thing took his first look at the 18th hole and described it as having "more bunkers than I have ex-wives". Bernhard Langer also flew in, but minus his clubs. The 38-year-old German said: "They didn't put them on the plane at Munich. It's a shame, it's a nice day to play."

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### Guardian Crossword No 20,706

Set by Rover

**Across**

- 8 Stumbling around is an antediluvian (8)
- 9 It ventilates a French palace (6)
- 10 Check in some well-travelled Italians (4)
- 11 Indirectly, the fastest mover on the clock... (6-4)
- 12 ... Record American athletic event (6)
- 14 Satyr has cavorted in waste places (3-5)
- 15 Call upon bishop with exotic chess (7)
- 17 Lively alien meat (7)
- 20 Finished end of school in tussle (5)
- 22 It could be used for repairing damage left by snake (6)
- 23 Husbandry of Queen's household? (10)

**Down**

- 1 Firmes out of control if niled after outbreak of wrath (8)
- 2 Stop awkward delivery (4)
- 3 Bones found in biblical city (6)
- 4 Re-drafted circular almost essential (7)
- 5 Two messurs with the monarch as deckler (8)
- 6 Licensed house with Triad involvement (10)
- 7 Bond's old mother (6)
- 13 Scroogel Poor fish! (10)
- 16 Trust English Non-Conformist to enter Creed wrangle (8)

**18** Regular carol service (8)  
**19** Using "White Cab" without a charm (7)  
**21** Piece of stole covering up fur (6)  
**22** Many cricketing-sides keep one (6)  
**24** Girl I met in Writing Society (4)

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